| 1 | 2 |
|---|---|
| 10. Madhya Pradesh | 2378 |
| 11. Maharashtra | 385 |
| 12. Manipur | *58* |
| 13. Meghalaya | 104 |
| 14. Nagaland | 123 |
| 15. Orissa | 866 |
| 16. Punjab | |
| 17. Rajasthan | 713 |
| 18. ?Sikkim | 30 |
| 19. Tamil Nadu | |
| 20. Tripura | 118 |
| 21. Uttar Pradesh | 2817 |
| 22. West Bengal | 841 |
| TOTAL : | 13196 |

**Relief to drug- consumers**

2697. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention ha$_3$ been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times Evening News On 7th March, 1988 under the heading "Drug Unit reliefs of little use to consumers";

(b) whether it i$_s$ a fact that Category I drugs have been exempted from excise duty in the proposed budget;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are used mainly for the National Health Programme;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than 90 per cent of the medicines based on these drug$_s$ are purchased by the Ministry of Health; and

(e) whether it is. also a fact that there will be very little relief to the consumer whereas by levying of excise duty o$_n$ othe$_r$ drugs there will be a heavy burden, apart from steep increases in the prices of essential medicines upto 300 per cent during the last two monthsT

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Category I constats of drugs for National Health Programme identified by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(e) No, Sir.

**Bulk Drags for Selvigon Tablets**

2698. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unatarred Question 1198 given, itt the

Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state,-

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs required for the manufacture of Selvigon tablets, Neosporin eye drops and Actidil tablets;

(b) whether all these drugs have been price decontrolled;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price increase between 65 per cent to 105 per cent of these medicines has no justification; and

(d) what is the purpose of monitoring the prices of products when unjustified price increases are not brought back under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) To the extent information is available the required details are given in the attached statement. (See below).

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are free to revise the prices of their products as per provisions of DPC, 1987.

(d) On the intervention of the Government, the price of the Neosporin has been reduced by the company.

Statement

| St. No. | Product | Company | Bulk Drugs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Selvigon Tablets | German Remedies | Pipazethate Hcl. |
| 2. | Neosoprin Eye Drops | Burroughs Wellcome | 1. Polymxyin B. Sulphate<br>2. Neomycin Sulphate<br>3. Gramicidin |
| 3. | Actidil Tablets | Burroughs Wellcome | Triprclidtne Hcl. |

**Controlling the Prices of Raricap, etc.**

2699. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2298 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that all the drugs going into the manufacture of Raricap, Autrin, Livogen, Fefol and Dumasules are exempted from *price* control; and

(b) if so, what is the method of controlling the prices of these medicines when inputs are out of price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of these medicines will be determined as per provisions of paragraph 6 and 7 of the DPCO, 1987.

**Cellular Phones for Rural Areas**

2700. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government for introducing cellular phones for rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the provision of cellular phones in the rural areas is a priority item?